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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3877

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJ: CHAIRMANSHIP OF GATT WP ON EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE

REF: A. GENEVA 6311, B. STATE 201662

1. DURING INFORMAL CONTACT WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE REGARDING AMBASSADOR DENT'S PROPOSED VISIT, EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF TAN KENG JIN ACCEPTING CHAIRMANSHIP OF GATT WORKING PARTY ON EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE. DEP. DIRECTOR (TAN SONG CHUAN) STATED THAT TAN KENG JIN HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL CHAIRMANSHIPS BECAUSE IT WAS BELIEVED WITHIN GOS THAT TAN WAS DEVOTING TOO MUCH OF HIS TIME TO MTN AND NOT GIVING SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO HIS COMMITMENTS TO REPRESENT OTHER GOS MINISTRIES AT GENEVA IN ILO, WHO, ETC. DEP. DIRECTOR SAID THAT GOS WAS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF ADDING THIRD OFFICER TO SINGAPORE'S TWO-MAN MISSION IN GENEVA, BUT UNTIL THEN IT DID NOT WANT TAN ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE WORK.

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2. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF MTN TO US AND SINGAPORE AND

POINTED OUT THAT WE THOUGHT TAN WOULD MAKE FAIR AND COMPETENT  
CHAIRMAN OF WORKING PARTY. WHEN EMBOFF INDICATED OUR INTENTION  
TO WORK TOWARD CONFINING WP ACTIVITIES TO EXPORT INFLATION  
INSURANCE, DEP. DIRECTOR DID NOT APPEAR TO BE CONCERNED  
ABOUT THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM.

3. COMMENT: GOS OBJECTIONS TO TAN KENG JIN ACCEPTING CHAIRMAN-  
SHIP APPEARS TO BE BASED SOLELY ON BUREAUCRATIC DEMANDS FOR  
HIS TIME BY OTHER MINISTRIES. EMBOFF RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT  
GOS DECISION IS FIRM AND UNLIKELY TO BE REVERSED. HOLDRIDGE

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